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Licensing

The Licensing Division ensures the integrity of racing and wagering in Kansas by identifying, licensing and conducting background checks on individuals who work at the racetrack facility and owners of the racing animals. These individuals are required to obtain an occupation license and undergo a background check before working or racing animals at the facility. In addition, licenses are granted to facility owners, facility managers, non-profit organizations, concessionaires, racing and wagering equipment and services, and simulcasting entities. Officers, directors and owners of these entities are subject to background investigations before the commission grants a license for the year.

Occupation Licenses

The licensing staff experienced changes during the 2000 license year with the implementation of a new digital photo ID system, changes in ID badge design, and changes in security color-coding for the ID badges. There were over 4,300 occupation licenses issued to industry personnel and racetrack personnel during the license year, which began on December 1, 1999 and ended November 30, 2000. One-year and three-year occupation licenses were issued in 46 different license categories. Over 1,200 sets of fingerprints were submitted to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation for background checks. Licensees were able to participate in the fingerprint reciprocity program in lieu of submitting fingerprint cards. Licensees submitted over 500 reciprocity forms for 13 different racing jurisdictions that were recognized by the commission. These reciprocity records were then verified with the specific jurisdiction in order to complete the background check on the licensee.

Registrations

Stable names, kennel names, corporations, partnerships, syndicates and other entities that own racing animals, which participated in racing in Kansas, were required to register with the commission. Entities filed over 380 registrations during the 2000 license year and owners of these entities were required to obtain an occupation license.

Concessionaire and Racing and Wagering Equipment and Services Licenses

Concessionaire licenses are required before any entity may sell goods or services at a racetrack facility. In calendar year 2000 there were fourteen concessionaire licenses granted to entities providing animal feed, tack and supplies as well as food and beverage concessions and video and photo finish products. United Tote held a valid Racing and Wagering Equipment and Services license during the 2000 racing season.

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Animal Health

The Kansas parimutuel racing act provides that the commission appoint an animal health officer and assistants to advise the commission in matters of veterinary medicine. At all times they are to serve and protect the health and well being of the racing animals. The animal health officer serves the commission staff in Topeka, and two assistants serve at each racetrack.

The animal health officers are responsible for conducting veterinary services for racing animals. This includes physical examinations prior to racing and observation for lameness, illness, or any other condition which would prevent the animal from racing to its potential. They are also responsible for treating emergencies of a veterinary nature encountered during the running of the race. In consultation with the judges or stewards, the animal health officers help determine which animals may be scratched from racing due to injury, disease, or disability.

Racing animals are subject to drug testing to deter the use of drugs to influence the outcome of a race. The animal health officer at each track is charged with obtaining blood and/or urine samples to be submitted to the official testing laboratory. A concerted effort is made to obtain the desired specimens from the animals and deliver them to the laboratory under strict chain of custody procedures so that a given specimen is unadulterated and from the identified animal.

During 2000, the racing chemistry was performed by Truesdail Laboratories in Tustin, California. The results of their testing for the 2000 year are as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Urine</u>	<u>Blood</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of Positives</u>
Equine	432	440	872	16
Greyhound	11,331	0	11,331	9

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Racing Division

The Racing Division enforces the civil provisions of the parimutuel racing act and the rules and regulations of the commission. The division's goal is to instill and preserve public trust and confidence by ensuring the integrity of the race meets. The commission appointees serving as stewards or racing judges at each horse or greyhound race meets work towards achieving the goal by performing various duties such as observing monitors in the starting boxes and lock-out kennels, determining if sufficient cause has been provided to scratch a horse or greyhound from official races, observing during racing for proper racing, and determining correct finishing order.

During the 2000 race meet the stewards/judges had 728 findings in the 10,685 official races.

Security Division

Security personnel are vested with the power and authority of law enforcement officers in the execution of the duties imposed upon the commission by the provision of the parimutuel racing act. The division's goal is to ensure licensees involved in racing activities are honest, to be proactive and responsive to confidential information concerning potential illegal activities, and to eliminate and/or reduce the potential for accidents. The commission appointees serving as security personnel work towards achieving the goal by investigating violations of the race act, conducting search and seizures, and enforcing all criminal laws of the State. The security personnel also conduct background investigations for various management positions within the racing industry as well as those for all commission employees.

During the 2000 race meet the security personnel denied six security clearances in the 135 background investigations completed.

The security personnel had three positive breathalyzer tests out of the 845 tests administered during this same period.